

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

October 28, 2010

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on October 21 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending October 27, 2010 in the amount of \$ 251,015.10 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Kelly  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of October 21 – October 27, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from August 6 – October 20, 2010
- Statement of cash receipts from the Library from September 1 – September 30, 2010

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 737,726.93 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None**

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7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2010 will be changed due to the Veterans Day Holiday to Wednesday, November 10, 2010 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Second annual City of Plattsburgh Half marathon on Sunday, April 17, 2011 for up to 1000 runners.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign a subordination agreement for property located at 5300 N. Catherine Street owned by Terrance Conway.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2010-15 “Penfield Park Improvements, Lefty Wilson Field.”

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from August 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009 in the total amount of \$2,649.35. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .29%.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Discussion:

**Councilor Carpenter** asked **City Chamberlain Richard Marks** to explain the implications of a potential utility tax on these amounts that they write off on almost a monthly basis.

**City Chamberlain Richard Marks** he thinks that if there is any 3% utility tax then they will just have to bare the cost of it. They have to look into if they can get credit for “write-off”s” against taxes they would have to collect and pay.

**Councilor Carpenter** asked if it would come out of MLD. **Manager MLD Bill Treacy** said yes it would and they would have to swallow the “write-off”s.” He has read the tax and there is no leeway.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted  
Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Handy Dan D Home Improvement be awarded Project HOME 2009-5 - “142 Pine St – Todd Polhemus” for \$21,815.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## 8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves two Police Officers to attend the “Reality Based Training Instructor Course (Train the Trainer)” from November 7 – 12, 2010 in Albany, NY. The cost will not exceed \$1,740 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Treasury funds).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Police Officer to attend the “Bushmaster Armorer’s Training” from December 3 - 5, 2010 in Poughkeepsie, NY. The cost will not exceed \$1,080 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Treasury funds).

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion:

**Councilor Valentine** asked what is the “Bushmaster Armorer’s Training.”

**Police Chief Desmond Racicot** it would certify a person to assemble weapons, maintenance the weapons, repair any broken items on it, basically build the weapons.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Brynn Boyer to attend a training course for basic laboratory skills from November 3 - 4, 2010 the cost will not exceed \$500.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. Request from City Engineer Kevin Farrington for Authorization to file a Recreation Trails Program Grant with NYSOPR and to commission SUNY TAC to assist in preparation of grant application for continuation of the “Saranac River Trail.”
2. Request from Department of Public Works Superintendant Mike Brodi that the Mayor be authorized to sign an agreement between the “State” and the “City” for shared services for a thirty-six (36) month period commencing on July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013.
3. Request from Bill Treacy Manager MLD to award Bid No. 2010-10-1 “Electric Meters Revenue Type” to GoTToGo Electric, Inc in the total amount of \$89,544, the cost of these meters will be reimbursed through the IEEP program.
4. Request from Fire Chief Paul Williams to attend the “New York State Career Chiefs Meeting” in Tonawanda, NY on November 16, 2010. The cost will not exceed \$350.

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**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Jackson** wanted to remind everyone they will be having a MLD Board meeting immediately following the meeting tonight.

**Councilor Kelly** wanted to pass on to the Mayor and Council that he was campaigning this week for a candidate. He talked to people and they were very complimentary to this **Council** and to the **Mayor** for holding the line on taxes for a few years in a row now. We don’t often hear compliments so he thought he should pass this on to everyone and let them know.

**Mayor Kasprzak** thanked him and said it has been a lot of hard work all of them as **Councilor Kelly** knows and it hasn’t been enjoyable sometimes. He is right they don’t usually hear compliments.

**Councilor Kelly** said the average voter out there is appreciative of what they have done in the last 3 years.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:42pm**